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HB 1517-S bv House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Anderson, Dunshee, Jarrett, Hunt, Keiser, Lambert, Ruderman, Rockefeller, Fromhold, Schindler, Boldt, Kenney, Simpson, Barlean, Tokuda and Dickerson)

Establishing quality management programs.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 5/03/01)

Directs each state agency to develop and implement a quality management program to improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the public services it provides through business process redesign, employee involvement, and other quality management techniques. Each agency shall ensure that front line agency employees are engaged in the program and shall provide employees with the training necessary to successful implementation of efforts toward quality improvement.

Requires each agency to ensure that its quality management program: (1) Identifies immediate-term and near-term opportunities to improve services and reduce costs:

- (2) Identifies goals and utilizes strategic business planning and performance measures to establish priorities and measure progress toward meeting them. Each state agency shall develop performance measures to assess customer satisfaction, agency progress accomplishing outcomes specified in the agency budget under RCW 43.88.090, and the impact of initiatives instituted under the quality management program as a whole;
- (3) Reports the results of its quality management program on a regular basis;
- (4) Evaluates the results of its quality, service, and management improvement programs and assesses program effects upon leadership, information and analysis, strategic planning, human resource development and management, process improvement, business results, and customer focus and satisfaction; and
- (5) Develops a plan for quality improvement, documenting efforts made up to the date of the report and addressing all matters enumerated in this act.

Provides that both houses of the legislature shall develop and implement quality improvement programs as described under this act by June 30, 2003, but shall report the results of these efforts to the leadership of each major political party caucus within its house.

Encourages the supreme court to develop and implement quality improvement programs for the judicial branch of government, by June 30, 2003, but shall report the results of these efforts to the chief justice. The programs may be implemented directly by the supreme court or may be delegated to the administrator for the courts.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Feb 27 Referred to Appropriations. Mar 12 Committee relieved further
- consideration. Placed on second reading by Rules

Committee.

Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 95; nays, 0: absent. 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

- Mar 15 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.
- Mar 29 SLG - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
- On motion, referred to Ways & Means. Apr 2 WM - Majority; do pass with
 - amendment(s). Passed to Rules Committee for second
- reading. Made eligible to be placed on second Apr 5 reading.
- By resolution, returned to House Rules Apr 22 Committee for third reading.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- IN THE HOUSE -

- resolution, reintroduced Apr 25 retained in present status.
- May 1 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on third reading.
- May 3 Rules suspended.
 - Returned to second reading for amendment.
 - Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 - Third reading, passed: yeas, 89; nays, 0; absent, 9.

- IN THE SENATE -

First reading, referred to State & Local May 4 Government.

Senate Bills

SB 6182 by Senators Swecker and Prentice

Revising primary election law.

Declares an intent to create a primary for all elected offices, other than president and vice president, that: (1) Allows all voters, including independents and those unaffiliated with a political party, to participate;

- (2) Preserves the privacy of voters' ballot selection and party affiliation, if any;
- (3) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;
- (4) Protects ballot access for minor political parties and independent candidates;
- (5) Maintains the right of any candidate to self-identify with any major political party; and
- (6) Upholds a political party's First Amendment right of association.

Repeals RCW 29.18.010, 29.18.120, 29.18.150, 29.18.160, and 29.18.200.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 3 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.

SB 6183 by Senators Snyder, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Prentice, Horn, Jacobsen, Stevens and Constantine

Revising primary election law.

Declares an intent to create a primary for all partisan elected offices, except for president and vice president, precinct committee officer, and offices exempted from the primary under RCW 29.15.150, that: (1) Allows each voter, including those who choose not to affiliate with any major political party, to participate;

- (2) Preserves the privacy of each voters' party affiliation, if any;
- (3) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;
- (4) Protects ballot access for minor political party and independent candidates;
- (5) Maintains a candidate's right to self-identify with any major political party; and
- (6) Upholds a political party's First Amendment right of association.

Repeals RCW 29.18.010, 29.18.120, 29.18.150, 29.18.160, 29.18.200, and 29.30.040.

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May 4 Held on first reading.

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